



All Saints' CE (C) Primary School

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Dear Parents

News from the Governors

The first 2009 meeting of the school governing body was held earlier this week and the following issues related to the education of our children were discussed.

▪ Assessment

As you are most likely aware, teachers assess the progress of each child in order to ensure that the relevant curriculum can be provided for individual children's needs. In order to eventually move away - to some extent - from the external tests that are imposed on all local authority schools for children in Years 2 and 6 central government is providing an alternative to this that will run alongside the SATs until such time that the nature and format of these tests are changed. The revised approach to assessment is called Assessing Pupil Progress and is more of a 'continual assessment' process that will fit in very well with our approach in school. Eventually it may well reduce the amount of externally constructed tests that schools are required to administer.

▪ Science

Following the success school experience last year in being awarded the Geography 'Gold' Quality Mark, a team of teachers and assistants is working towards achieving a similar goal for Science. Ms Golden is leading this development which will further improve the existing highly effective learning that the children already undertake.

Governors are very supportive of this and have offered their help and support to the project.

▪ Condition of Buildings

The Governors' Premises Committee has undertaken a review of the condition of the school buildings and the following works are to be carried out in the near future:

- ♦ Up-grading of lighting in upstairs classrooms
- ♦ Costing of ceiling replacement in entrance and corridor
- ♦ Costing of replacement of doors to Reception classroom
- ♦ Extension of KS2 playground

Comic Relief Day Friday 13 March

The School Council has already written to you about 'Red Nose Day' and that children may dress 'In Something Funny for Money' towards the comic relief charities.

A 'Talent Show' is also being held at 9.00am on Friday 13 March. Before Friday 13 the children in each class will be selecting two acts that will be performing as finalists in the school Talent Show. If your child is performing in the show we will let you know as soon as possible before next Friday so that you can come and join us to see the 'Red Nose' fun. It is not possible to invite any other parents as – with all of the children in the hall – there is just not enough room.

Grandparents Lunch

We are inviting all Grandparents of children in years 3 & 4 to have lunch with their grandchildren on Wednesday 11th March. If anyone would like to attend please book a meal by enclosing £2.13 (cost of meal per adult) in a named envelope which your child should give to their class teacher by 9.00am on Monday 9th March. Please check with your child that they have given in your order. Thank-you.

Sports Reports

▪ School Football Team – by James Steel

On Thursday 5th of March the school football team played their first game since Christmas, against Thomas Russell. Alrewas defence was taken by surprise when Thomas Russell took an early lead scoring in the first minute of the game. Unfortunately for Alrewas this goal was not just luck and they went on to score a further six goals. Despite playing with great confidence and determination, Alrewas could not match the skills of Thomas Russell. Therefore, Alrewas went on to lose the match 7-0. We hope we have more luck playing at home against Yoxall

▪ Netball Report - by Meg Carter and Poppy Walford.

On Thursday 5th March, the All Saints netball team went to the second half of a tournament. This took place at William Shrewsbury School. Throughout 50 minutes, the team played five consistent matches and showed great sportsmanship and determination even though they only won one out of the five matches. However, the scores were very close, these were the results:

Alrewas v Richard Wakefield 2-3

Alrewas v Needwood 1-2

Alrewas v Rolleston 0-3

Alrewas v William Shrewsbury 1-2

Alrewas v Mosley 5-0

Our school is very proud of our efforts but we all hope we could improve next time.

Bunny Drive

The PTFA are having an Easter Bunny Drive again. This will be after school on Friday 27th March and will start with an Easter Bonnet competition. The event last year proved much more popular than expected and we will be more prepared this year with more prizes and better organisation! Year 6 can come along unattended. There will be further details nearer the time.

Yours sincerely

Mr J Gray - Headteacher

